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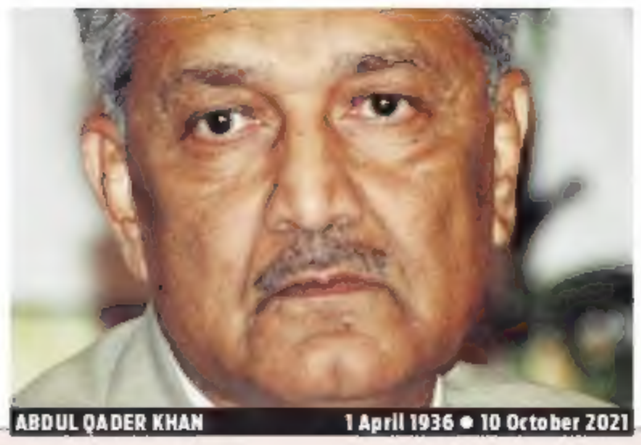

ABDUL QADER KHAN 1 April 1936 • 10 October 2021

FATHER OF PAK CLANDESTINE N-PROGRAMME A Q KHAN DIES

Abdul Qader Khan (85) had been keeping ill since August and passed away on Sunday due to lungs-related complications

HELPED ARM LIBYA, NORTH KOREA AND IRAN

Deified in Pakistan for making it the first Islamic Nuclear Power, Khan was condemned globally as one of the most notorious nuclear smugglers. In 2004, he confessed to running a secret proliferation network to arm nations like North Korea, Libya and Iran. Despite global pressure, he was pardoned and placed under house arrest by then president Gen Musharraf

CONVICTED BY DUTCH COURT FOR SPYING

- A year after India's first nuclear test in 1974, Khan stole copied blueprints for centrifuges and other components from an Amsterdam-based lab. He was convicted by a Dutch court for this
- He was Born in Bhopal in 1935 and migrated to Pakistan in 1952. He got PhD in metallurgical engineering from a Belgian university

1998

SPEARHEADED PAK'S RESPONSE TO INDIA'S POKHRAN TESTS | P11

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Priyanka blows the UP poll bugle, attacks BJP

Blowing the UP poll bugle at the Kisan Nyay rally in Varanasi, Priyanka alleged that nobody, including the poor, the deprived and the downtrodden, was safe under the Modi government. She accused him of favouring a few billionaire friends | P9

A large number of Congress supporters along with the convoy of party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Varanasi on Sunday. She later addressed a Kisan Nyay rally, which was her first public address ahead of the forthcoming elections | PTI

Here, farmers feed citizens, and their sons protect the country's borders. But when some of them get killed in incidents like the one that took place in Lakhimpuri Kheri, their families lose hope for justice

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

SIT to seek police remand today

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WITH the UP Police claiming that Ashish, son of Union minister Ajay Mishra and the main accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, was non-cooperative and evasive during interrogation, the kid-glove treatment he got thus far appears to be off.

Ashish (35) was arrested after about 12 hours of interrogation and produced before a local court past Saturday midnight, which remanded him in judicial custody for 14 days. He is lodged in barrack 21 of the Lakhimpur district jail.

On Monday, a special investigation team (SIT) led by DIG Upendra Agarwal will seek his police remand for further interrogation. Though Ashish kept insisting that he was not in the car that rammed into the protestors from behind, which led to the violence that killed eight persons, including farmers and a journalist, police authorities claimed they had evidence to show his presence at the spot.

It was Ashish's Mahindra Thar SUV that mowed into the farmers around 3 pm last Sunday, when farmers were protesting against the visit of UP deputy chief minister Keshav Maurya to Lakhimpur Kheri.

While he ducked questions about his role in the ghastly incident, sources claimed he failed to provide satisfactory evidence about his whereabouts between 2.36 pm and 3.30 pm on that fateful Sunday.

Ashish claimed he was attending a *dangal* (wrestling match) at his ancestral village Banbirpur at that time and furnished videos and affidavits of 10 people to corroborate his claim, but the SIT was not impressed.

"I was not present at the site of incident," was his standard response to most questions, adding: "I came to know about it later." But when asked about the bullet cartridges the police found in his car that was burnt by the angry protestors at the violence site, he was evasive. He also did not provide satisfactory answers to questions on the licensed arms he was carrying and who all were with him, sources said.

The name he mentioned was of Hari Om, who, he claimed was driving the SUV. P9

FUEL PRICE FEARS

Diesel breaches ₹100 mark in North Karnataka

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DIESEL breached the ₹100 barrier at a number of places in Karnataka on Sunday.

Most of the areas where the diesel price has crossed the psychological mark are in North Karnataka, said BR Ravindranath, former president of Karnataka and Bengaluru Petroleum Dealers' Association.

In Ballari, the diesel price stood at Rs 100.39 per litre. At Sirsi town of Uttara Kannada district, it was ₹100.12, while other taluks too reported that the price has crossed the mark. In Davanagere, it was ₹100.05.

In Bengaluru, the price of diesel was Rs 98.52 per litre on Sunday, said SG Prakash, the largest seller of petrol and diesel in the city.

In other parts of the state, too, the price was hovering between ₹98 and ₹99. The dealers predicted that it could cross the ₹100 mark in a day or two as there is no respite from galloping international crude prices.

NO RESPITE

Ballari	₹100.39	D'gere	₹100.05
Sirsi	₹100.12	B'luru	₹98.52

All prices are per litre of diesel

The hike in diesel price has hit farming activities as the harvesting of Kharif crop is around the corner and the sowing activities are likely to start in a month. Apart from this, the tourist service providers are planning to increase the tariff by 50 paise per kilometre, which has already increased from ₹2 to ₹ 3.5.

The surge will also lead to a spike in the prices of most essential commodities as dealers have to take care of transport charges.

No coal crisis, says Centre, but generation hit

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ON a day Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia accused the Centre of turning a blind eye to a coal shortfall-triggered power crisis, the Union coal ministry on Sunday said fears of blackouts were misplaced. Union coal minister Pralhad Joshi took to Twitter to allay fears, saying Coal India Limited has stocks of 43 million tonnes, which are sufficient to meet 24 days of demand.

Earlier, Sisodia slammed Union power minister R K Singh for dismissing reports of coal crisis even as Punjab utility PSPCL continued operating plants at 50% capacity and announced a minimum three-hour daily power cut till October 13. The shortage affected power generation in many states, including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

For its part, the coal ministry said an extended spell of rains had affected movement and temporary shortfalls were not indicative of crisis as rolling stocks got replenished daily. The ministry said coal companies on Saturday supplied 19.2 lakh tonnes against a demand of 18.5 lakh tonnes, signaling a return to normalcy.

Lightning kills man, injures son

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A 46-year-old man lost his life, while his 22-year-old son sustained burns, when a bolt of lightning struck a tree that they were standing under during rain, on NICE Road near Byadarahalli on Sunday evening. The deceased, **Tippeswamy**, was a vegetable vendor from Tumakuru and was staying in T Dasarahalli. His son, Chidanand, has been hospitalised.

The police said the father and son had gone to a relative's house in Chikkagollarahatti for lunch and were returning home via NICE Road on their two-wheeler when it started pouring heavily. They stopped their two-wheeler and took shelter under a tree. Around 5.45 pm, lightning struck the tree, killing Tippeswamy on the spot and injuring Chidanand. "A Hoysala patrol team reached the spot within minutes and rushed Chidanand to a hospital," the police said.

Experts keep cautioning people that they should not take shelter under a tree during a thunderstorm as trees are good conductors of lightning bolts.

KINGS LANDING

Chennai Super Kings defeated Delhi Capitals by four wickets to march into a record ninth IPL final on Sunday. Ruturaj Gaikwad top-scored with 70 and MS Dhoni (centre) scored three fours in the last over to win a thriller in Dubai | SPORTZPICS | P13

Bar & Bench must wipe public's tears, says judge

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JUSTICE Aravind Kumar, who has been appointed Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court, on Sunday said the Bar and Bench have to work in tandem to wipe the tears of those seeking justice and strive hard to ensure speedy delivery of justice.

At a farewell organised in his honour by the Karnataka High Court, Justice Kumar said an e-traffic court set up by then Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka was a step to ensure speedy justice.

"The legal fraternity should enlighten the litigant public and solve their disputes by adopting alternate redressal mechanisms, as provided under Section 89 of the Code of Civil Procedure. This will ensure speedy justice and enhance the confidence of the public in the judiciary," he said.

The dispute resolution system is going through rapid changes and the responsibility lies on members of the Bar to rise to the occasion and keep pace with globalisation and rapid developments in trade, technology and commerce.

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NATIONWIDE	OCT 9	OCT 10
Fresh cases	19,740	18,166
Recoveries	23,070	23,624
Deaths	248	274
KARNATAKA	**OCT 9**	**OCT 10**
Fresh cases	451	406
Recoveries	1,455	637
Deaths	9	10

EXPRESS READ

Six children go missing, leave behind notes

Bengaluru: In two cases, six minors and a woman have gone missing in Bagalagunte and Soladevanahalli police station limits. The police are trying to trace the missing children, who have left behind notes addressed to their parents. P5

Farmers can soon survey their own land

Bengaluru: The government is coming out with a system which will allow farmers to measure their own lands, and upload the details on a Survey Department app. This is expected to reduce pendency of applications. P4

Your coffee pure... Are you sure?

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE cuppa that cheers you are sipping... is it one hundred per cent coffee or blended with chicory, robbing you of the pleasure of enjoying the perfect brew?

Batting for the common customer and connoisseur, the Coffee Board is going all out to ensure that people get the purest form of coffee, or at least have the opportunity to make a fair choice and know what they are consuming.

It has proposed to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to reduce the chicory content in coffee which now stands at 49 per cent as the maximum limit.

But as all stakeholders have not agreed to the idea, the Board has put forth a fresh proposal that buyers should at least be allowed an informed choice and coffee should be labelled under three categories and clearly mentioned on bottles and sachets. CONTINUED ON: P7

As the proposal on reducing the chicory content was pending with FSSAI for a long time, a new suggestion has been made where buyers have the option. This is required as growers will also benefit

KG Jagadeesha, CEO and Secretary, Coffee Board

STOCK

LIMITS ON EDIBLE OILS TO EASE CRISIS

The Centre on Sunday imposed stock limits on traders of edible oils and oilseeds till March 31 to offset the rising domestic prices and give relief to consumers. Oil prices have shot up 46.15% in the last one year due to various factors | P9

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